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*In re* Patent Application of :

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For: **OPTIMIZATION OF FERMENTATION  
PROCESSES**

New York, New York  
April 18, 2007

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 26, 2007. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Reply to Office Action Dated: October 26, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: NONE.**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 8 of this paper.